

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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WATER CONTACT CLOSURE FOR IMPERIAL BEACH

Flows At Tijuana Rivermouth Moving North

The County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health has expanded the water contact closure area at the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge shoreline north to include the Imperial Beach shoreline. Sewage-contaminated flows in the Tijuana River entered the United States and Tijuana Estuary early this morning following the rainfall. Field measurements today indicate northward moving currents along the Imperial Beach shoreline that can bring contamination from the estuary mouth north. Signs warning of sewage contaminated water will remain in place until sample results indicate the ocean water is safe for recreational use.

For more information on the Tijuana River, please call the U.S. International Boundary & Water Commission at 619-662-7600.

For updates on beach closure information please call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073. OR log-on to www.earth911.org and enter your zip code. Select "Beach Water Quality"

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